

- r. A representative of the United States Environmental Protection Agency--National Estuary Program is invited to participate as a non-voting ex-officio member.
 3. Members must reside or have interests within the program boundaries.
 4. Each member shall serve a three-year term, renewable once consecutively. The membership will have staggered appointments so that one-third of the membership can be reappointed each year.
 5. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment or invitation from the remaining Board members as set forth in the Board's bylaws.
 6. The Policy Board may expand its membership, as it deems necessary, upon two-thirds affirmative vote.
- B. Duties.
 1. The role of the Policy Board shall be to guide, evaluate, and support the CCMP implementation process and advancement of the CCMP and its management actions, and to ensure the highest level of collaboration, coordination, and cooperation among state and federal agencies, local governments, the public, and various interest groups.
 2. The Policy Board shall consult the Advisory Committees for recommendations pertaining to implementation of CCMP management actions at the regional and local level, and the coordination and development of research and monitoring priorities.
 3. The Policy Board shall advise the state, federal, and local agencies responsible for environmental and natural resource management about concerns and issues relevant to implementation of the CCMP.
 4. The Policy Board shall make recommendations based on CCMP implementation progress and success, and shall identify and prioritize information needs as described in the CCMP.
 5. The Policy Board shall evaluate the relevance of the CCMP and consult the Advisory Committees for recommendations on amending the CCMP to address new or emerging issues that may affect the significant natural resources of the Albemarle-Pamlico estuarine system.
 6. The Policy Board shall be an advocate for the implementation of the CCMP and the APNEP mission and the APNEP.
 7. The Policy Board, in cooperation with the Program Office, shall assist in the development of an annual report, budget, and work plan that address priorities for implementing and updating the CCMP.
 8. The Policy Board will have no authority other than as an advisory body.
 9. The Policy Board shall be responsible for determining its own rules of order, bylaws, chairmanship, attendance requirements, and other matters of protocol.
- C. Meetings.
 1. The Policy Board shall meet at least two times each year or more frequently if deemed appropriate by the Chair or upon request by the Program Director.